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DATA STRUCTURE AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR A SUPERSET OF RELATIONAL DATABASES

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

10 A data structure, database management system, and methods of validating
data are disclosed. A data structure is described that includes a superset of
interconnected relational databases containing multiple tables having a common data
structure. The tables may be stored as a sparse matrix linked list. A method is
disclosed for ordering records in hierarchical order, in a series of levels from general
15 to specific. An example use with address databases is described, including a method
for converting an input address having a subject representation into an output address
having a preferred representation. Preferred artifacts may be marked with a token.
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